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Richard Yuen**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

A request for a one month extension of time and the associated fee has been included in this Response.

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